(8) To suggest modalities to strengthen Naitonal and State Level Institutions concerned with Rainfed/Dryland areas, and establish institutional linkages with prioritized watersheds.

(9) Monitor disbursement of rural credit/insurance cover/safety net programmes devleoped for rainfed areas.

(10) Set the research agenda including a critical appraisal of on-going programmes and promote diffusion of requiredknowledge for integrated farming in rainfed areas to district and lower level authorities.

(11) To evaluate the effectiveness of completed watersheds and concurrent evaluation of on-going programmes

Business ventures of Nafed

2593. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of non-agricultural business ventures indulged and invested in by the Naitonal Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation (NAFED) since during the last three years till October 31, 2006 showing items traded/projects pursued in volume, value as well as investments made in business ventures of its own and with private parties, year-wise;

(b) the details of investment recovered, in volume and percentage, from these ventures, year-wise;

(c) the details of secured and unsecured loans obtained by NAFED from Banks/FIs during that period and the purpose of the respective loans;

(d) the detials of disbursals under the Price Support Scheme during that period; and

(e) the detials of the last audit conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.